Safeguarding Updates

- All safeguarding procedures remain in place and are up to date.
- All safeguarding training is up to date. All ‘Prevent’ (anti-radicalisation) training is up to date. We ‘top up’ this training throughout the year. A member of staff who joined April 2021 has received all relevant training.
- Staff have received clear instructions on school policy and procedures with regards to peer on peer abuse.
- All staff receive regular training on:
    - Relevant legislation and updates to legislation
    - Signs of abuse
    - Reporting procedures including reporting to LADO
    - Staff involved in safeguarding protocol
    - Children most at risk and how to support them
- Staff have received clear guidance on how to remain objective when noting down safeguarding issues.
- We are continuing to make an increased number of safeguarding referrals, due to the past year’s Covid-19 pandemic.
- Staff have received advice regarding FGM: this is a mandatory reporting issue. All staff should go immediately to the police with this issue rather than the DSL (OD).
- We work closely with external agencies to ensure knowledge of cases is shared and acted on appropriately.
- 1 pupil is subject to a Child Protection (CP) plan. 2 pupils are subject to a Child In Need (CIN) plans. 2 pupils are being supported by the Family Solutions service. 8 further pupils are subject to internal monitoring.
- We have made 3 referrals to the Education Welfare Service (EWS) due to attendance concerns. We attempt to contact the families of these pupils on a daily basis and will continue to work closely with the EWS to address these attendance concerns.

Looked After Children

- We currently have 1 looked after child (LAC) on roll. This child is monitored closely by the school and local authority using a model known as an ‘EPEP’. This involves frequent meetings with the virtual school and carer and thorough record checks.
- We have another LAC joining us in September 2021 as a year 7 pupil. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is planning to visit this pupil at their primary school in June 2021 to find out background information from the primary school DSL to ensure a smooth transition.